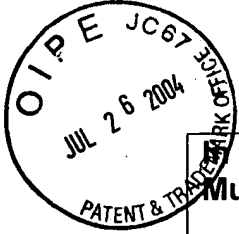


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Examiner: K. Odland
Group Art Unit: 3743

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For: Bioabsorbable Polymeric
Implants and a Method of Using the
Same to Create Occlusions

PETITION
37 CFR 1.84(a)(2)

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington DC 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed April 21, 2004, applicants hereby petition for permission to use color drawings pursuant to Rule 1.84(a)(2).

Color drawings is the only practical medium by which to disclose the subject matter sought to be patented and are requested by the Examiner who has a set of color drawings in her possession for the purposes of examination. The color drawings submitted are of sufficient quality such that details in the drawings are reproducible in black and white in the printed patent.

This petition includes:

- (i) The fee set forth in § 1.17(h);
- (ii) Three (3) sets of color drawings;
- (iii) A black and white photocopy that accurately depicts, to the extent possible, the subject matter shown in the color drawing; and
- (iv) An amendment to the specification to insert the following

language as the first paragraph of the brief description of the drawings:

"The patent or application file contains at least one drawing executed in color. Copies of this patent or patent application publication with color drawing(s) will be provided by the Office upon request and payment of the necessary fee."

Respectfully submitted,
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel L. Dawes', is written over the typed name and registration information.

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